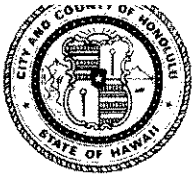


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The Chair of the Honolulu City Council announced today the shifting of a number of Council Committee assignments. The changes in some Committee Chairmanships are the first announced by Chair Barbara Marshall since the initial organization of the Council under her leadership in January. A news release issued by former Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz on Tuesday referred to a memo issued by the chair in regards to the Zoning Committee. No such memo ever was issued.

The changes, which take effect Monday, are being made in an effort to make the Council more efficient and to better handle the increasingly huge issues of transportation and waste disposal. In addition the majority of Councilmembers wish to focus on getting the people's work done—and not on leadership changes on the Council.

The Transportation Committee will merge with the Public Works Committee, handling, among other things, much of the proposed mass transit project, facilities and road maintenance. The new Planning and Sustainability Committee will oversee planning, including transit-oriented development, solid waste management and recycling.